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Subject: Re: Screening results for apiculture bee samples - REVISED data
Date: 12/04/2012 11:54 AM

Tom

Our LC-MS/MS is still down. However, we did analyze some of the neonicotinoids, using the GC-MS/MS. Although we were not able to get the same sensitivity we would from the LC-MS/MS, based on our GC-MS/MS analysis, acetamiprid, imidachlopid, and thiametoxam are not present in the samples above 30 ppb levels. We need the LC-MS/MS for clothianidin, dinitofuran, and thiacloprid

Thuy

▼ Thomas Steeger---11/30/2012 06:37:01 PM---OK-- thank you. -----

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OK-- thank you.

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Tom,

Most of the Neonicotinoids can only be analyzed by LC instrument. Since our LC is down for repair, we are unable to give you the LC data now. We should have some data for you next week.

Thuy

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A minor (but important) correction in the table of results - L-Cyhalothrin was detected in the UT bee carcass (~21 ppb), but not in the UT bee hive sample.

Attached is the revised report

[attachment "Bee 112812 screening results.xlsx" deleted by Thomas Steeger/DC/USEPA/US]

▼ Thuy Nguyen---11/30/2012 02:54:53 PM---Tom, As promised, attached are the screening results for the 8 bee samples - 2 samples from Utah and

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Tom,

As promised, attached are the screening results for the 8 bee samples - 2 samples

from Utah and 6 from Arizona.

The lab extracted and analyzed all eight samples in one batch. One procedural blank, one control bee, and one fortified control bee were also processed with the sample batch. Calibration standards in bee matrix were prepared and used for the quantitation. Samples were screened by both GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS for all the analytes listed in the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that the results have only gone through analyst review, and no additional QC check. The values are presented as rough estimates and for screening purpose only. We noted some matrix interference for Thymol, which was only detected in the UT samples, but at high level (ppm). The recovery of Thymol from control bee sample was 76%.

L-Cyhalothrin was not detected in any of the samples (UT and AZ)

Based on the GC-MS/MS analysis, we did not detect Carbaryl and naphthol-1 in any of the samples, but could not confirm that on our LC-MS/MS, which is currently under repair. Clothianidin is another compound that requires analysis by LC-MS/MS. As soon as the instrument is fixed, we will analyze for these 3 compounds and let you know of the results.

All screening values reported in attached table are in ppb or ng/g of sample. Except for Carbaryl and Naphthol-1, all analytes without a value associated to them can be viewed as "not detected" in corresponding sample. Since this is a screening analysis, we cannot provide you with an LOD for each analyte, but in general, the LODs for the analytes range from 0.1ppb to 50 ppb

Recoveries of the detected compounds from the fortified control bee sample on GC-MS/MS was between 70% and 100%. The control sample was fortified with all analytes at 30 ppb, each.

Please let me know if you have questions

Thuy

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